

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the Francis O'Brien Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, Massachusetts. Present were:

James A. MacDonald
Michael L. Butler
Sarah E. MacDonald
Paul Reynolds

Mr. MacDonald informed all that due to another commitment, Mr. Dellolacono apologized for not being able to attend the Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

DEDHAM CITIZENS OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. MacDonald asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak with the Board of Selectmen. Hearing no response, he went on to the next agenda item.

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION WITH TASSIR ALAINI, FACILITIES DIRECTOR

William Keegan, Town Administrator, introduced Tassir Alaini, the new Facilities Director for the Town and Schools, to the Board of Selectmen and audience. Mr. Keegan went on to discuss highlights of Mr. Alaini's education and experiences.

Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Alaini to speak to the Board and audience. Mr. Alaini informed all that relative to his education, he received his undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and Master's Degree from Massachusetts Maritime. Mr. Alaini informed all that he resides in the Town of Concord and is active in the community. Additionally, he is actively involved in the sport of Soccer. Relative to his work experiences, Mr. Alaini informed all that he began his employment with the M.B.T.A. as a Junior Engineer, advanced to a Senior Engineer and then Manager of Facilities Management.

Mr. Alaini informed the Board that he was very grateful to be given the opportunity to come to Dedham. He went on to say that he thinks the Town is doing all the right things and is impressed to be part of the Dedham team. Mr. Alaini discussed how he intends to empower his staff and encourage team efforts, creativity and different ways to accomplish tasks—he thought this was a great opportunity to use his know-how and leadership skills.

Mr. Alaini informed the Board of Selectmen that he discussed with this staff the important principles of safety, cleanliness and comfort of efficiency. Additionally, he commented that he will be creative managing the buildings.

Mr. Butler welcomed Mr. Alaini and commented that it was great to have him in Dedham and that he appreciated his thoughtful remarks. Mr. Butler was pleased that Mr. Alaini mentioned the importance of team work. Mr. Butler went on to say that Mr. Alaini's background compliments the Town team. Mr. Butler commented on the wide-range of buildings that Mr. Alaini will service— a 100 year old building to a just opened new Avery School. Mr. Butler was pleased with the School Department maintenance staff and thought they did a good job-- they will be eager to show their creativity.

Ms. MacDonald remarked that there are high expectations relative to the new facilities position. Ms. MacDonald thought that Mr. Alaini was the right fit.

Mr. Reynolds welcomed Mr. Alaini—he commented that the Town was very lucky to have his talent. Mr. Reynolds was amazed with Mr. Alaini's accomplished background and education. He thought that the Town was attractive extraordinary talent due what the Town is doing and how it is moving forward. Mr. Reynolds informed Mr. Alaini that he is cheering him on. He went on to say that he can count on the Board of Selectmen or their assistance.

Mr. Alaini informed the Board that he has hired an electrician/HVAC Tech. He went on to say that he is building a good team, the service will be better and faster and, hopefully, there will be a savings going forward.

Mr. MacDonald welcomed Mr. Alaini and wished him good luck. He informed all that Mr. Alaini will be working with Michael LaFrancesca, School Department and William Keegan, Town Administrator.

PUBLIC HEARING – CLASSIFICATION HEARING

For the record, Mr. MacDonald read the following advertised (Dedham Times) Public Hearing Notice:

"Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Dedham Board of Selectmen on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 7:15 p.m., pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, relative to the obligations of the Board of Selectmen to determine whether or not real estate and personal property in the Town of Dedham should be classified according to use. This policy decision by the Board of Selectmen may result in the shift of the property tax burden from one class to another. The Board of Selectmen will determine the tax levy percentage by classification of property and may also consider the application of a residential exemption to the principal residences of property taxpayers. Said hearing will be held in the Francis O'Brien Meeting Room, Town Hall, 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, Massachusetts."

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Representing the Assessors' Officer were: Dick Bremer, BOA Chairman; Frank Stapleton, BOA Member; John Burke, BOA Member; John Duffy, Director of Assessing; Richard Henerson, Asst. Director of Assessing.

Mr. Bremer informed all that annually the Board of Assessors meets with the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of classifying all real and personal property within the limits of the Town. He went on to say that classification allows the Board of Selectmen to shift taxes by up to 175% on the commercial, industrial and person property values. The Board of Assessors supplied the Board of Selectmen with a variety of information to assist in making their decision. Mr. Bremer informed the Board of Selectmen that they need to vote on the following two questions:

1. Does the Board of Selectmen want to continue classification for the Town of Dedham?
2. What shift, if classification continues, does the Board of Selectmen wish to use?

The information provided to the Board of Selectmen by the Board of Assessors consists of the following:

Classifications and proposed shifts; Residential and CIP Share; Seven Year Tax Rate Comparison; Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Revenue Fiscal 2012 Tax Levy Limitation for Dedham Budget Planning Document; and Fiscal Year 2012 Comparison. (Copies of the documents are on file in the Town Administrator's Office.)

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessor discussed the figures relative to the shift percentages/cost. Mr. Bremer informed the Board of Selectmen that the Assessors recommendation is for 170% shift instead of 175%. He went on to say that they were trying to strike a balance between residential and commercial. If the Board of Selectmen adopts the 170% residential will see a 5.23% increase \$287.00 and commercial will see a 5.44% increase \$3,061. Mr. Bremer informed all that the Board of Assessors' vote was split relative to the shift recommendation.

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Reynolds. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present and did not vote relative to this matter.)

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to continue classification; seconded by Mr. Reynolds. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present and did not vote relative to this matter.)

Ms. Butler made a motion to adopt the 170% Shift Rate; seconded by Ms. MacDonald. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present and did not vote relative to this matter.)

PUBLIC HEARING – ALTERATION OF PREMISES, B B & B CORP., d/b/a TGI FRIDAYS, 750 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY

Prior to the commencement of the Public Hearing, Mr. MacDonald recused himself and left the Francis O'Brien Meeting Room. Mr. MacDonald did not participate in the discussion or vote relative to this

matter. In his absence, Mr. MacDonald designated Mr. Butler the chairman-- he took over the duties and conducted the public hearing.

For the record, Mr. Butler read the following advertised (Dedham Times) Public Hearing Notice:

"Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Board of Selectmen has received a petition from B B & B Corp., d/b/a TGI Fridays, for an Alteration of the licensed premises located at 750 Providence Highway, Dedham, Massachusetts. Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on this application on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., in the Francis O'Brien Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, Massachusetts."

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Representing TGI Fridays was: David Spiegel, Owner, B B & B Corp.

Mr. Spiegel informed all that he would like to construct a small deck outside of his property so that his patrons can be comfortable in the summer and enjoy the restaurant outdoors. Ms. MacDonald asked Mr. Spiegel if he planned for a sound system and entertainment outside. Mr. Spiegel informed her that there will be piped music outside—no live music. Ms. MacDonald asked when the patio will be open. Mr. Spiegel informed her that it will open with the restaurant and close at 1:00 p.m. Ms. MacDonald asked if there are heating elements. Ms. Spiegel informed her that there are no heating elements—the deck is not enclosed. Ms. MacDonald had concerns relative to the neighbors and noise from the deck. Mr. Spiegel informed her that the deck is located far from residential property. Additionally, he has received no complaints relative to his request.

Mr. Reynolds asked if there were any conservation issues. Mr. Spiegel commented that the construction is set back 150 feet set from the conservation land. He went on to say, that if approved, the deck will be ready for his patrons in the spring.

Mr. Butler asked the audience if they had questions for Mr. Spiegel. Dana McQuade, Jacob Jones VFW, on Eastern Avenue, commented that approval of the deck will open up a can of worms—VFW is talking about a patio. Joe Findlen, Chairman, District 4, commented that the deck will be open out on to the Conservation land—he had concerns that the piped-in music will travel over the conservation land during the summer months. He asked Mr. Spiegel to be careful when he places the speakers outside. Mr. Spiegel asked all that he did not want any problems relative to the deck.

Mr. Butler informed all that if the patio is approved, there will be 48 seats added on the deck. He went on to say that there is a grassy area in the rear.

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Reynolds. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes. (Mr. MacDonald did not participate or vote)

relative to this matter.) (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to approve the alteration of premises for TGI Fridays; seconded by Mr. Reynolds. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes. (Mr. MacDonald did not participate or vote relative to this matter.) (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to approve the overall seating at the restaurant from 252 to 300 seats; seconded by Mr. Reynolds. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes. (Mr. MacDonald did not participate or vote relative to this matter.) (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

REQUEST CHANGE OF MANGER, AQUITAINE, 500 LEGACY PLACE, CHRISTOPHER GLIONNA, MANAGER

Prior to meeting, Mr. MacDonald recused himself and did not participate or vote relative to this matter. Mr. Butler continued to chair the proceedings in Mr. MacDonald's absence.

Representing Aquitaine was: Christopher Glionna

Mr. Butler asked Mr. Glionna how is business? Mr. Glionna remarked that he is working harder and longer each day. Mr. Glionna went on to discuss his experiences in the restaurant industry. Mr. Glionna informed all that he has been the Director of Operations for Aquitaine for the past six years. Additionally, he has been designing the restaurants for the past six years. Prior to Aquitaine, Mr. Glionna was employed at Grill 23 and other top restaurants in Chicago—overall, he has worked in the restaurant business for over twenty-five years.

Ms. MacDonald asked Mr. Glionna if he has received any violations employed as Manager of Record. Mr. Glionna responded, no. Ms. MacDonald commented that she appreciated his attendance this evening and asked about the hours he will be spending at the Dedham restaurant. Mr. Glionna informed the Board that he is in the process of trying to hire a new General Manager to take over and oversee the operations at the Dedham Aquitaine. He went on to say that their current manager situation will be temporary; and hopefully, he will be back in a few months with a new General Manager for the restaurant. Mr. Reynolds commented that he has been to Aquitaine many times and is impressed with the management at the restaurant.

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to approve the change of manger to Christopher Glionna; seconded by Mr. Reynolds. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes. (Mr. MacDonald did not participate or vote relative to this matter.) (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

**REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF MANAGER, DEDHAM COUNTRY & POLO CLUB, 124 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD,
ROBERT C. PESCATORE, MANGER**

Representing Dedham Country & Polo Club was; Robert C. Pescatore

Mr. Pescatore informed the Board that he recently started in management at Dedham Country and Polo in mid-September, 2011. He went on to say that he has been worked in the business for sixteen years—employed a t Dedham Country & Polo, Boston Golf Clubs and other establishments. Mr. Pescatore commented that Dedham Country & Polo Club is a private club. He informed the Board that the dining areas serve lunch, dinner and functions. Mr. Pescatore went on to say that the club could stay open seven days per week; however, they close on Mondays. Ms. MacDonald asked Mr. Pescatore if the staff at the clud I.D's visitors. Mr. Pescatore responded that if there is any doubt, staff will ask for a I.D. Club Membership.

Mr. Butler asked Mr. Pescatore if he had spoken with Sgt. Michael Buckley, Alcohol Officer, Dedham Police Dept. If not, he suggested that Mr. Pescatore get in touch with Sgt. Buckley.

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to approve Robert C. Pescatore, Manager of Record for Dedham Country & Polo Club; seconded by Mr. Reynolds. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes. (Mr. MacDonald did not participate or vote relative to this matter.) (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

******At this point of the meeting, Mr. MacDonald returned to the Francis O'Brien Meeting Room and resumed as Chairman of the meeting.

**REQUEST FOR AUTOMATIC AMUSEMENT DEVICE FROM U.S.S. JACOB JONES VFW POST, 84 EASTERN
AVENUE**

Representing the VFW was: Commander Dana McQuade

Mr. McQuade informed the Board that the requested Automatic Amusement Device is a Bowling Machine. He went on to say, in order to attract the younger veterans, the VFW is requesting permission to have this machine at this time.

Ms. MacDonald asked Mr. McQuade where the club intends to place the Bowling Machine. Mr. McQuaid informed her that the machine will be placed in the Members' Club.

Ms. MacDonald made a motion to approve the Automatic Amusement Device (Sports –Bowling Game) to be place in the Members' Club of the Jacob Jones VFW Post; seconded by Mr. Reynolds. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

DISCUSSION/VOTE RE: HEALTH INSURANCE

Relative to the above-referenced agenda item, the Board of Selectmen took no action at this time.

DISCUSSION/VOTE RE: LEASE OF DEXTER SCHOOL

Mr. Butler made a motion to approve a twelve (12)-month lease of the Dexter School to Little Sprouts, commencing on September 1, 2012 –August 31, 2013; seconded by Ms. MacDonald. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

Town Administrator's Report

William Keegan, Town Administrator, gave the Board and audience some updates and information. He informed them that the rededication of Veterans' Memorial Field at Stone Park was on Thursday, November 24, 2011, and was rededicated as Veterans' Memorial Field. Mr. Keegan thanked the School Rehabilitation Committee, Combined Veterans' Council of Dedham, the Honor Guards from the Police Dept., Fire Dept., and County Sheriffs' Office, the Dedham American Legion and Jacob Jones VFW for their participation. Additionally, he thanked Norfolk County Commissioner Francis O'Brien for the contributions he made on behalf of the veterans, Congressman Stephen Lynch, State Representative Paul McMurtry, William Aitken, Veterans' Agent and Gayle Capone, Administrative Assistant, Veterans' Office.

Mr. Keegan informed all relative to recent communications strategy discussions with Town and school staff members—they are trying to develop a new communications plan that will include improvements and updates to e-mail, website and telephone system. He went on to say that once complete, they will present the plan to the Board.

Action by the Board

Request from the Dedham Community Theater, 580 High Street, for a One-Day Entertainment License for New Year's Eve Comedy Shows—Show Times: 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.—Mr. Butler made a motion to approve a One-Day Entertainment License to Dedham Community Theater to conduct their New Year's Eve Comedy Shows; seconded by Ms. MacDonald. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

Request from the Dedham Community House, 671 High Street, for a Transient Vendor's License, sale of Christmas Trees & Wreaths on December 3, 4, 10 & 11, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Mr. Butler made a motion to approve a Transient Vendor's License to the Dedham Community House, December 3, 4, 10, 11, 2011; seconded by Ms. MacDonald. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms.

MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

Acceptance of Gift—Presented to the Board from Virginia LeClair, Environmental Dept. (Gift of \$1,500 from an anonymous family to install art sculpture at Mill Pond Park)—Ms. MacDonald made a motion to accept the generous gift of \$1,500.00, with appreciation to the family; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.)

Ms. LeClair informed that Board that she has sent a thank you letter to the family.

Approval of Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes—February 17, 2011

Relative to the above-referenced agenda item, the Board did not take action at this time—postponed until the December 15, 2011, Selectmen's Meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reynolds informed all of the Holiday Stroll this week starting at 5:00 p.m.—Santa and singing at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Reynolds informed all that the Oakdale Alliance Light the Night will be on December 11th—he thanked the Cushman Family for their assistance and reminded all of their upcoming Holiday Lighting event.

Ms. MacDonald asked the Town Administrator to provide a report from the Police Chief relative to the Black Friday Openings.—Mr. MacDonald reminded her that not all of the establishments who requested permission needed to provide a Police Detail. Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Keegan to invite the Police Chief to their next meeting, December 15th, to discuss Black Friday.

Ms. MacDonald commented on the Federal Fuel Assistance cuts and how they will trickle down to the state and community organizations—she asked that this matter and options for Dedham residents be discussed further at the Board's next meeting, December 15th. Mr. Keegan informed her that presently, the Town Administrator's Office, Veterans' Office and Council on Aging provides assistance to the residents with filling out forms and collecting required paperwork. Mr. Keegan commented that the thoughts were good and further discussion relative to alternatives, possible the Shuttleworth Fund, might be a solution if requests are significant.

Ms. MacDonald informed all that the Rock the Sock event will be held on December 5, 2011, at Kings, Legacy Place, to collect toys and gift cards and then again on December 11, 2011, at Café Paradise, Dedham Square.

Ms. MacDonald commented on the Alimed Beech Tree—she went on to discuss a letter she received from Mr. Cherabini. Ms. MacDonald informed all the Alimed will be removing the asphalt and replacing it with soil and water—the tree will be saved.

Mr. MacDonald informed all that the Dedham TV Telethon for the Dedham Food Pantry will be held on December 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. , with Santa. He went on to say that the group would like to raise \$40,000 for the Food Pantry.

Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. MacDonald. **On the Vote:** Mr. Reynolds, yes; Ms. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Dellolacono was not present for the meeting and did not vote relative to this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting held on December 1, 2011, which Minutes were approved on February 28, 2013.

James A. MacDonald, Chairman